Human cloning

3152. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to allow human cloning with some ethical guidelines;

(b) if so, whether these ethical guidelines will have any impact; and

(c) how does Government plan to ensure that the medical world abides by it alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (c) The Central Ethics Committee on Human Research (CECHR) of Indian Council of Medical Research, has evolved a set of ethical guidelines, namely; "Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research on Human Subjects". According to these guidelines, the possibility of human cloning cannot be rejected. However, since its safety, success, utility and ethical acceptability has not yet been established, research on cloning with intent to produce an identical human being has been prohibited. The guidelines have been accepted and circulated among all the scientific institutions in the country involved in research on human beings for its compliance.

Funds to Uttaranchal under RCHP

3153. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Uttaranchal since its inception to date under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated for this purpose are being diverted for other purposes in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to check such diversion and misuse of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) Allocations of funds under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme by the Government of India are made to State as a whole and not to districts. The details of the funds allocated/released to Uttaranchal since its inception are as under :-

Year	Amount allocated/released (Rs. in lakhs)
2000-01	236.11
2001-02	434.97
2002-03	238.01

(b) No diversion of funds under the programme has come to our notice from the audit of the programme conducted so far or otherwise.

(c) The States are required to periodically report the expenditures they have incurred under the various components of the RCH Programme. Furthermore, the State is also required to get its accounts audited and the financial status certified every year, a copy of which is furnished to Government of India. These are the main steps to prevent any diversion or misuse of the Programme funds.

Entitlement to opt for CGHS dispensaries for pensioners

3154. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pensioners are entitled to opt for CGHS dispensaries of their own choice;

(b) if so, whether dispensary incharge has been authorised to impose conditions that doctors would not visit residences of pensioners even in emergency;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, how such undertaking was insisted in Sunder Vihar dispensary No. 82 in Delhi during the year 2002-03?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) CGHS pensioner card holders have an option to get their CGHS card registered with any one CGHS dispensary in any concerned CGHS covered city irrespective of whether their place of residence falls within the area covered by that CGHS dispensary or not. However, if the residence of the pensioner falls outside the covered area of the dispensary, then the CGHS facilities provided to the pensioner would be subject to the following conditions :-